

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2

Sunday, September 2	9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
	11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, September 3	Office Closed – Labor Day		
	1:00 pm	FPC – Volunteer Soup Kitchen	Soup Kitchen
	5:30 pm	MCM Circles	Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301
Tuesday, September 4	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Room 300 & 301
	7:15 pm	Christian Education Meeting	Room 222
Wednesday, September 5	10:00 am	Women’s Affinity Groups Council	Library
	1:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
	6:00 pm	Logos/MSM Staff Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6:15 pm	PYF Supper Club	Chipotle
Thursday, September 6	7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Friday, September 7	10:00 pm	PYF 5 th Quarter	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, September 9	9:00 am	First Praise	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
	11:00 am	Worship / First Kids Worship	Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group	Thelma Vaughan’s Home
	4:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
	5:30 pm	Deacons Meeting	Room 300
	6:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Room 313
	7:00 pm	Committee Meetings	Classrooms

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator	Mark Auten, Clerk
Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Mark Auten	Bill Brawley
Roger Hyatt	C. P. Chappell
Karen Shore	Janice Pluer
Sue Stevens	Steve Robinson
Harry Weyer	John Streb

DIACONATE

Scott Mauney, Moderator	David Ramey, Associate Moderator
Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Sandy Bickett	Fern Alexander
Maria Heilmann	Ross Culp
Pat King	Lorra Lee Holshouser
Paul Manning	Joyce Lytle
Scott Mauney	David Ramey
Carol McClure	
Tom Trosuk	

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff	dave@moorevillefpc.org
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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis	The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates
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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher	Beverly Chappell
Assistant Head Usher	Pat King
Ushers	Tom Kirkland, Emily Kirkland
Youth Ushers	Kinnon Rockness
Greeters	C.P. Chappell, Kathi Landis
Acolyte	Weston Mauney
Bell Ringer	Bennett Dame
Soundboard	Jane Peterson
Lay Reader	Tom Kirkland



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
 September 2, 2018 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

*Please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”
 Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE: *Dptych* Robert Hebble
 Greg Thompson, Organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 68: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jason Sentas

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Tom Kirkland

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:15-20 pg. 799-800

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH SILENT CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Prayer of St. Francis* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light, where there is sadness, let there be joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace... For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY 34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 15:36-41 pg. 900

SERMON: *"Church in Culture: The Reality of Conflict"* Dave Rockness

HYMN 566: *Your Servant Comes This Hour (vs. 1-3)*

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 566: *Your Servant Comes This Hour*

Your servant leaves this place with confidence secure, and by the Holy Spirit bears the fruit which shall endure.

*POSTLUDE: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad. **You can become a FPC member** by your profession or reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership. Please speak with our pastor following the service for information. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

Preschool and elementary children during worship: Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age during all Sunday morning activities. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building. **Worship bags** are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

Essential Jesus Reading Program - This program will start on September 9, with sermons that line up with daily readings and small groups for discussions about the readings. We hope you can join us as we seek to grow deeper in our faith through reading of God's word.

Camp Grier Congregational Retreat: Registration is underway for the annual congregational retreat at Camp Grier, scheduled for Friday, September 14 – Sunday, September 16. Registration forms are available in the parlor, fellowship hall, and church office. **Registration and payment deadline is next Sunday, September 9.** Contact Ellen Auten (ellen@moorevillefpc.org) or Jason Sentas (jason@moorevillefpc.org); 704-664-5275 with questions.

Volunteers for Camp Grier Retreat: Harry Weyer is looking for volunteers to help prepare and cook BBQ for the Camp Grier congregational retreat. Please plan to come and prep the food for the retreat in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept. 13 or Friday, Sept. 14. We will start cooking the food at 9 am on Saturday, Sept. 15. If you wish to participate, please sign-up in the office and list your availability. Thank you.

First Kids Worship: First Kids Worship will resume meeting next Sunday, September 9. First Kids Worship is a children's worship service held during the 11:00 am worship service for children in 1st – 5th grades. Children begin worship in the sanctuary, and then convene in the fellowship hall for the remainder of the worship service. Parents pick their children up in the fellowship hall, immediately following the 11 am worship service.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): The deadline to register for Logos/MSM is this Wednesday, September 5. Please contact program director Valerie Mauney (704-723-1531) or assistant director Stephanie Sentas (781-267-5559) for program and registration information.

Logos/MSM Staff meeting and dinner: All weekly Logos/MSM volunteers are encouraged to attend a staff meeting and dinner this Wednesday, September 5 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Logos Encounter: Members of our congregation are encouraged to attend the Logos Encounter Training, an all day training workshop led by national Logos leadership. The workshop is a wonderful opportunity to experience the 4 parts of Logos and learn from other congregations involved in Logos ministry. The event is free of charge; advance registration is essential. Childcare will be provided with advance reservations. Please contact Ellen Auten (ellen@moorevillefpc.org; 704-664-5275) to register.

Newsletter Transition: Starting September, newsletters will only be available digitally by way of email and the website. In an effort to reduce costs and increase quality, we are scaling back the print copies to only those that request them. If you still wish to have a hard copy of the Newsletter, please contact Marian or Tonya in the office.

Important Sept. Dates for PYF:

- September 2 – NO PYF (Labor Day weekend)
- September 5 – HS Supper Club @ 6:15 pm - Chipotle
- September 7 – 5th Quarter @ 7:30 pm – Midnight
- September 9 - PYF regular schedule with middle school meeting from 4-6 pm and high school meeting 6-8:30 pm.
- September 12 – HS Supper Club @ 6:15 pm – Chick-Fil-a
- September 14 – 16 – Camp Grier retreat. Leaders are encouraged to volunteer and help drive that week. If you are interested, please let Bryan Cerrone know.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Joan Gibson	Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt
Lecie Miller	Bedo Culberson	Margaret Sanders
Estelle Mott	Lynelle Owen	John Westmoreland
Mary Fortanbury		

Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley	Al Culp	Diane Crymes
Rosemary LaBarre	Bobby Lytle	Bedo & Pat Culberson
Dick Nelson	Paul Manning	Tom Morrow & Family
Bob Campbell	Shirley Crowley	

Friends of the Church- Karen Ketchie & Family, friend to Becky Deal

Glenn Scott	Maureen & Richard	Ronnie Shultz
Judy Nickliss	Teresa Knutsen	Jenny Wheeler
Jane Scovil	Christine Morgan	Ken & Ginny Lawton
Joseph Ross and family	Paul Sharp	Becky Smith
Wanda Cravens	Jeff Kelly	Sharp Family
Dick Wall	Abby	Jack Esala
Matt Childers	Asa Thurston McNeely	John Redding
Mason Swanson	Ryder Woeckener	Lois Carns
Amanda Hall	Linda Rice	Jacob Cameron
Doug Vinez	Judith McLean	Louis Newton
Shirley Abele		

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
P03 Dylan McIntyre, USN	2 nd LT H. Craig May, USMC	Major Ben Peacock, USAF
Maj. William Matheny, Army		